

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shamim M. Malik	Examiner: Melanie Ruano Tyson
Serial No.: 09/997,449	Art Unit: 3773
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Customer No.: 45159	Attorney Docket No.: 050623.00134
Title: Implantable Device Surface Modified by Carbon Implantation and a Method of Making the Same (as amended)	

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 Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed on October 24, 2011, while Applicants believe that each of claims 1, 4 – 6, 8 – 10, 13, and 31 is allowable, Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's reasons for allowance that were presented in the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 24, 2011, and the statements made therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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